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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PATRICIA COTTEN, et al.,  
Plaintiffs.  
v.  
ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED, et  
al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [14-cv-02124-JD](#) (JSC)

**NOTICE AND ORDER REGARDING  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley for settlement purposes.

You are hereby notified that a Settlement Conference is scheduled for **June 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.**, in Courtroom F, 15th Floor, Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.

1. Counsel shall ensure that whatever discovery is needed for all sides to evaluate the case for settlement purposes is completed by the date of the Settlement Conference. Counsel shall cooperate in providing discovery informally and expeditiously.

2. ***Lead trial counsel shall appear at the Settlement Conference with the parties.*** An attorney will not be permitted to serve as lead trial counsel at the pretrial conference or at trial unless the attorney participated in the June 24, 2015 settlement conference in person. Any party who is not a natural person shall be represented by the person(s) with **unlimited** authority to negotiate a settlement. An insured party shall appear with a representative of the carrier with full

1 authority to negotiate up to the limits of coverage. A person who needs to call another person not  
2 present before agreeing to any settlement does not have full authority.

3 3. Personal attendance of a party representative will rarely be excused by the Court.  
4 To seek to excuse a party from personally attending a settlement conference, counsel for that party  
5 shall meet and confer with counsel for all other parties to determine if there are any objections to  
6 the moving party's absence. Counsel must then lodge a letter with the Court, with copies to all  
7 parties, seeking to excuse the party's participation. The letter shall recite the reasons for seeking  
8 the party's absence, as well as whether the other parties agree or object to the request and the  
9 reasons for any objection. The application to excuse a party must be lodged no later than the  
10 lodging of the Settlement Conference Statement.  
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12 4. Each party shall prepare a Settlement Conference Statement, which must be  
13 LODGED with the undersigned's Chambers (NOT electronically filed) no later than seven (7)  
14 calendar days prior to the conference. Please 3-hole punch the document at the left side.  
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16 Each party shall also submit their Settlement Conference Statement in .pdf format and  
17 email their statement to JSCPO@cand.uscourts.gov.

18 5. The Settlement Conference Statement shall be served on opposing counsel. Any  
19 party may submit an additional confidential statement to the Court. The contents of this  
20 confidential statement will not be disclosed to the other parties and shall include:

- 21 a. A brief statement of the facts of the case.  
22 b. Any discrete issue that, if resolved, would facilitate the resolution of the  
23 case.  
24 c. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers  
25 and a history of past settlement discussions.  
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27 7. The parties shall notify Chambers immediately at (415) 522-2172 if this case settles  
28 as to any defendant prior to the date set for the Settlement Conference.

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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: May 26, 2015

  
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JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY  
United States Magistrate Judge